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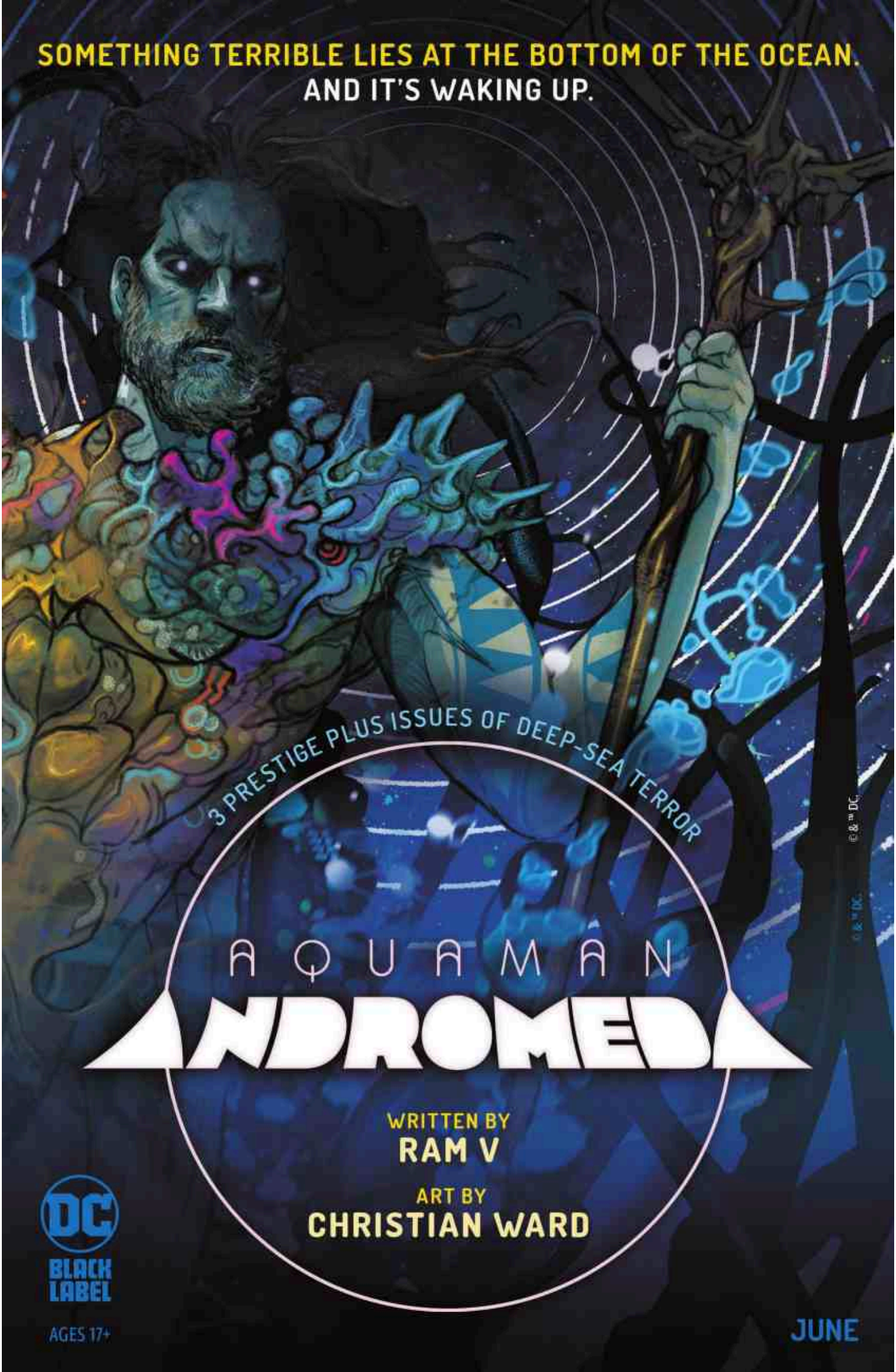
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Come from the stars.
They will look like us.
They will sound like us.
But they are not like us...
...they are demons.

nd the demons will take our world.
AHHAHA HAHAHA!
ZALA!
HRAARGHH!

STOP!

THIS IS OUR WORLD NOW, BASTARD. OURS TO RULE.
TOOOM

KAL-EL.
PLEASE, BROTHER...

THERE CAN BE NO CHALLENGERS.

AGHHHHHHH!
WHOA.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DEMONS!
GREEN. EVERYTHING'S GREEN!
UM...

I THINK YOU MIGHT BE SEEING THINGS THAT AREN'T THERE.
HE'S BURNING UP, JONATHAN.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, PRINCE WAYNE.
YOU'RE SAFE.
HE IS *NOT* SAFE. THERE IS SOMETHING INSIDE HIM.
SOMETHING IS POISONING HIM.
HE IS *DYING.*

The Kingdom of Storms.
HE LIVES, CONSTANTINE.
I HAVE RETURNED YOUR PRINCE.
JOHN?
WELCOME BACK, JACOB.
RA'S TOLD ME...ABOUT MY FATHER.
I'M SORRY.
I HAVE TO SEE MY SISTERS.
YOUR LIFE IS YOUR OWN, BUT THAT WOULD BE VERY UNWISE.
YOU CANNOT GO BACK TO COURT. TOO MANY SAW YOUR BODY.
YOU WOULD BE BURNED. TRUST ME IN THIS. I SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE.

RA'S IS RIGHT. I'M SORRY, JACOB.
THERE WAS A RETURNED WHO BECAME KING ONCE BEFORE. HIS MADNESS CAUSED THE DEATH OF THOUSANDS.
AS CAUTIONARY TALES GO, IT'S ONE NOT TO IGNORE.
YOU CANNOT BE A PRINCE AGAIN. BUT YOU CAN STILL DO GOOD.
THE ELS KILLED YOUR FATHER.
I CAN HELP YOU TO BRING THEM DOWN.
I WILL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR FEUD AND YOUR REVENGE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH THE CHILDREN?
THERE ARE GREATER THREATS COMING THAN YOUR LITTLE WARS. BUT YOU NEED NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THE CHILDREN, CONSTANTINE. YOU MADE A DEAL...

"... THE TITANS WILL BE MINE NOW."
THE FEVER HAS LIFTED.
HIS THOUGHTS HAVE CALMED.
WHAT...?
GET AWAY FROM ME, WITCH!
HEY! EASY, SON. THAT "WITCH" SAVED YOUR LIFE.
THERE WAS A SLIVER OF STRANGE ROCK IN YOUR WOUND. IT WAS POISONING YOU.
RAVEN SENSED IT.
AND CONSIDERING WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO PEOPLE LIKE US, YOU SHOULD FEEL LUCKY SHE DIDN'T LET YOU DIE.
WE ACTUALLY PUT YOUR LIFE TO A VOTE.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PRINCE WAYNE, A VOTE IS WHEN CITIZENS COLLECTIVELY DECIDE ON SOMETHING INSTEAD OF A WEALTHY TOFF GRANTED TOTAL POWER BECAUSE OF WHO THEIR PARENTS ARE.

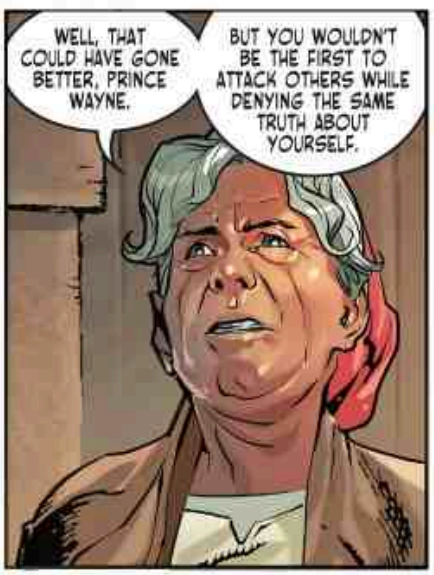
I VOTED TO *NOT* LET YOU DIE.
THE *TALKING GREEN* DOG. I THOUGHT I WAS DELIRIOUS.
YOU *WERE* DELIRIOUS. BUT YOU WERE STILL ACTUALLY SEEING A TALKING GREEN DOG.

HI. I'M BEAST BOY.

DO NOT SHAKE HIS HAND. HIS HANDS ARE COVERED IN THE BLOOD OF OUR KIND.
I HAVE *NEVER* KILLED.
SO YOU'VE ONLY VIOLENTLY *BEATEN, KIDNAPPED,* AND *IMPRISONED* INNOCENT PEOPLE. HOW VIRTUOUS.

WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE. WE KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO PEOPLE LIKE US.
AND NOW THAT I KNOW YOU'RE LIKE US.
YOU MAKE ME SICK.

LET'S GO.


WELL, THAT COULD HAVE GONE BETTER, PRINCE WAYNE.
BUT YOU WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TO ATTACK OTHERS WHILE DENYING THE SAME TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF.

I TAKE IT JOR-EL WAS YOUR FATHER.
WHAT? WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE YOU'RE A BASTARD. AND YOUR PARENTS WERE ALWAYS CLOSE TO THE ELS.
BUT I GUESS THE FINAL CLUE WAS WHEN YOU FELL OUT OF THE SKY WITHOUT BEING FLATTENED, AND THEN FIRE BURST OUT OF YOUR FACE.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN?
ONLY A FEW DAYS.
THAT MUST BE HARD... GIVEN WHAT YOU'VE FOUGHT AGAINST.
I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR PARENTS. AND I'M SORRY.
I UNDERSTAND THE FEAR YOU'VE FELT SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD. THE HATE THAT'S COME FROM THAT.
BUT YOU NEED TO GROW UP NOW, SON. YOU NEED TO LEARN NOT EVERYONE DIFFERENT IS A MONSTER.
THE CHILDREN ARE NOT WHAT YOU THINK THEY ARE. THEY'RE JUST CHILDREN. AND THEY'RE SCARED.
WHY ARE THEY HERE?
FOR THE SAME REASON SO MANY HAVE LIVED UNDER OUR ROOF. FOR PROTECTION.
PROTECTION FROM WHAT?
FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
JONATHAN! MARTHA!

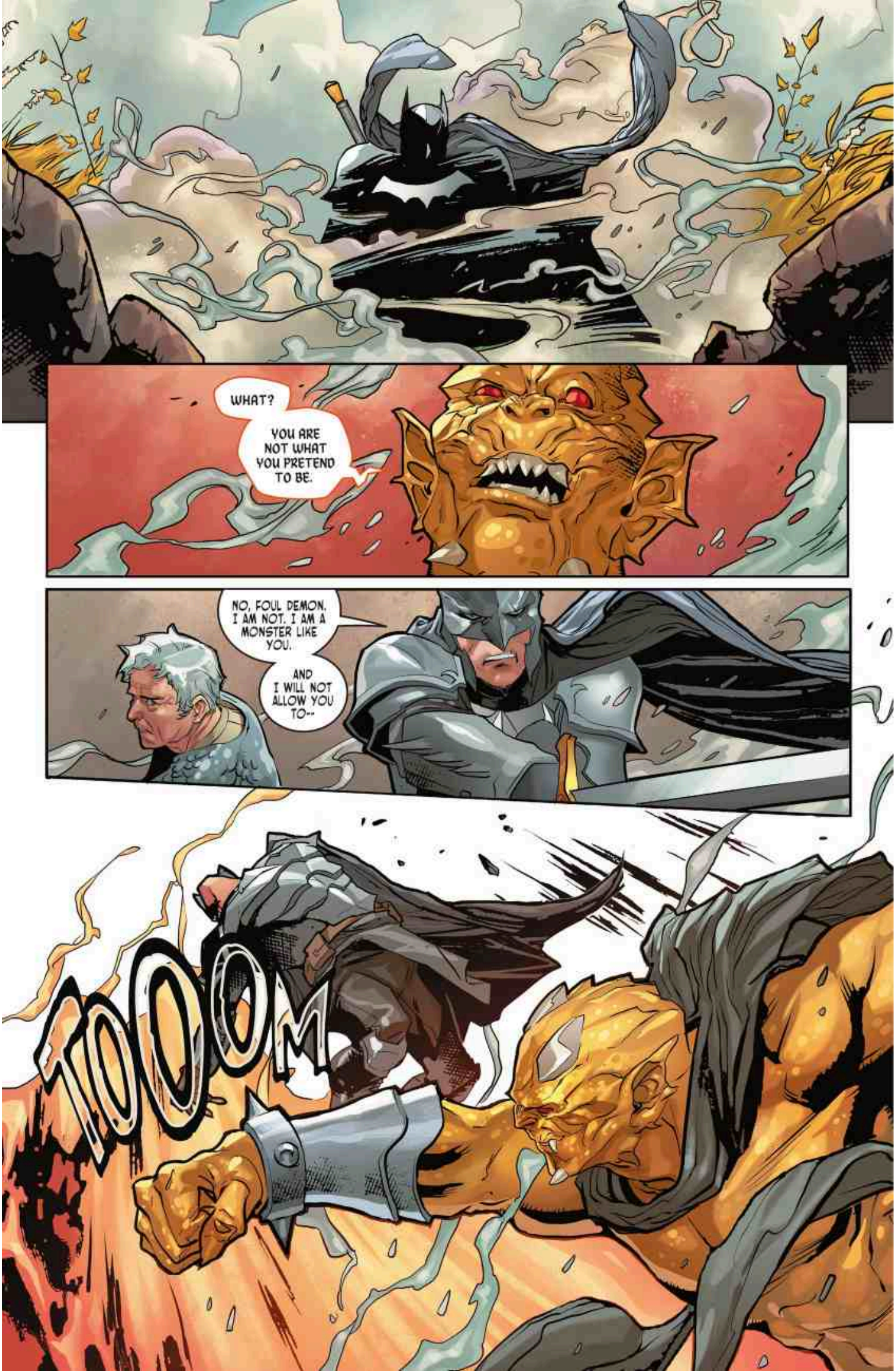
I FOUND THIS BOY SNEAKING AROUND OUTSIDE!
IT'S OKAY, KORY. YOU CAN PUT HIM DOWN.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
RICHARD?
BRUCE!
ALL THE ROBINS HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU. I FOUND A CRATER WITH A PIECE OF YOUR ARMOR IN IT. WAGON TRACKS LED TO HERE.
HAVE YOU BEEN TRAPPED BY THESE DEMONS?
EXCUSE ME?
THEY'RE *NOT* DEMONS, RICHARD. THEY'RE...

RAVEN. I'M SORRY.
I OWE YOU MY LIFE AND I WAS...
AN ASS.
I WAS GOING TO SAY UNGRATEFUL, BUT YES, I WAS AN ASS.
I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I CALLED YOU.
I'VE BEEN CALLED WORSE MY WHOLE LIFE. WE ALL HAVE.
I'M SORRY FOR THAT, TOO. YOU SHOULD--
YOU TRAILED OFF RIGHT WHEN IT WAS GETTING GOOD.
YES. CONTINUE. THIS IS MY FIRST APOLOGY FROM A PRINCE. AND WE'VE BEEN AFRAID OF YOU FOR YEARS. I THINK THIS WHOLE THING COULD DO WITH A LITTLE MORE GROVELING.
WHAT IS IT?
SOMEONE YOU DON'T WANT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR...

"... THE DEMON'S HEAD."
WE WANT THE TITANS! SEND THEM OUT AND NO ONE WILL DIE!
STAY INSIDE, ALL OF YOU. GRAYSON WILL PROTECT YOU.
WE CAN FIGHT.
I DO NOT DOUBT YOU. BUT I'VE ENCOUNTERED THESE PEOPLE BEFORE. LET ME HANDLE THIS. PLEASE.
WE'LL BE BESIDE YOU.
I MEAN NO OFFENSE, BUT I CANNOT PROTECT YOU OUT THERE.
THAT'S A LITTLE PATRONIZING FOR SOMEONE WHO MEANS NO OFFENSE.
WE WEREN'T ALWAYS FARMERS, SON.
WE ONCE FOUGHT IN YOUR PARENTS' ARMY.
THEN WE FOUND THE FIRST CHILD WHO NEEDED US. AND WE DECIDED AIDING WHAT WE LOVED WAS BETTER THAN FIGHTING WHAT SOMEONE ELSE HATED.

THESE ARE EL LANDS.
THE LEAGUE OF SHADES DOES NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO BE HERE.
PRINCE WAYNE?
TALIA AL GHUL.
THE CHILDREN ARE OURS. A BARGAIN HAS BEEN STRUCK.
NO BARGAIN HAS BEEN STRUCK WITH ME, RA'S.
THEIR FORCE IS HIDING IN THE FIELD. ALL ARE FAILED ABOMINATIONS FROM THE LAZARUS RIVER. THEY ARE DEAD ALREADY. DO NOT HOLD BACK.
WE WILL NOT, PRINCE WAYNE.
GONE, GONE THE FORM OF MAN. RISE THE DEMON...

...ETRIGAN.
SHUK
THNK
BASTARD BAT PRINCE.
KWOOOM


WHAT?
YOU ARE NOT WHAT YOU PRETEND TO BE.
NO, FOUL DEMON. I AM NOT. I AM A MONSTER LIKE YOU.
AND I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO--
TOOM

CRK
YOU'RE ON THE FLOOR.
I NOTICED.
LET US FIGHT.
THEY'RE HERE FOR YOU. STAY SAFE. WE'LL HANDLE IT.
STOP BEING STUBBORN.
I CAN HELP.
THANK YOU, BEAST BOY. BUT I DON'T THINK ASSASSINS AND A DEMON ARE GOING TO BE TOO TROUBLED BY A DOG.
SURE, BUT I CAN TURN INTO ANY ANIMAL I'VE EVER SEEN.
AND BELIEVE ME...

...I'VE SEEN SOME @$#%.
LET'S WREAK SOME HAVOC.

YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST GIVEN US THE TITANS, OLD SOLDIER.
LET HIM GO!
ETRIGAN!
WE'LL TRY THIS AGAIN, HELLSPAWN.

CHZZZAT
KWOOOM

TAKE THE DEMON, AND YOUR FATHER INSIDE HIM.
DO NOT RETURN, TALIA.

WE'LL LEAVE. BUT THERE IS MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY FATHOM. AND YOU CAN'T WATCH OVER THE CHILDREN, PRINCE WAYNE.
NOT WHILE YOU'RE FIGHTING A WAR.

WHAT WAS SHE TALKING ABOUT? WHAT WAR?
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD?
CLEARLY NOT.
JEFFERSON PIERCE IS DEAD.
WHAT?
HIS DAUGHTER HAS DECLARED WAR ON THE EL KINGDOM.
AND THE KINGDOM OF STORMS IS NOT ALONE.
WE'VE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE ROBIN IN THE AMAZONIAN COURT. SHE SAYS HIPPOLYTA'S SHIPS ARE ALREADY SAILING FOR OUR KINGDOM. WE HAVE TO RETURN TO THE PALACE IMMEDIATELY.
NO. I WILL NOT RETURN. I WILL STAY HERE.
I'M SORRY, GRAYSON. I DO NOT BELONG WITH THE ELS. THAT HAS BEEN MADE VERY CLEAR.
YOU ARE A PRINCE OF THE KINGDOM. AND AS FAR AS MANY OF US ARE CONCERNED, YOU ARE THE RIGHTFUL KING.
DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK ON US.

HE ALSO FELT LIKE HE DIDN'T BELONG. THOUGH, IT'S FAIR TO SAY ARTHUR HAS GOTTEN OVER THAT.
OH, ABSOLUTELY. QUITE THE HEALTHY EGO ON THAT BOY. BUT WITH ENOUGH HUMILITY AND EMPATHY THAT HE HAS BECOME A GREAT KING.

I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID TO THE DEMON. NO MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE, YOU'RE NOT A MONSTER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT OCCURRED BETWEEN YOU AND THE ELS, BUT I KNOW ANY WAR INVOLVING THEM WILL NOT END WITH THEM. INNOCENTS WILL DIE.

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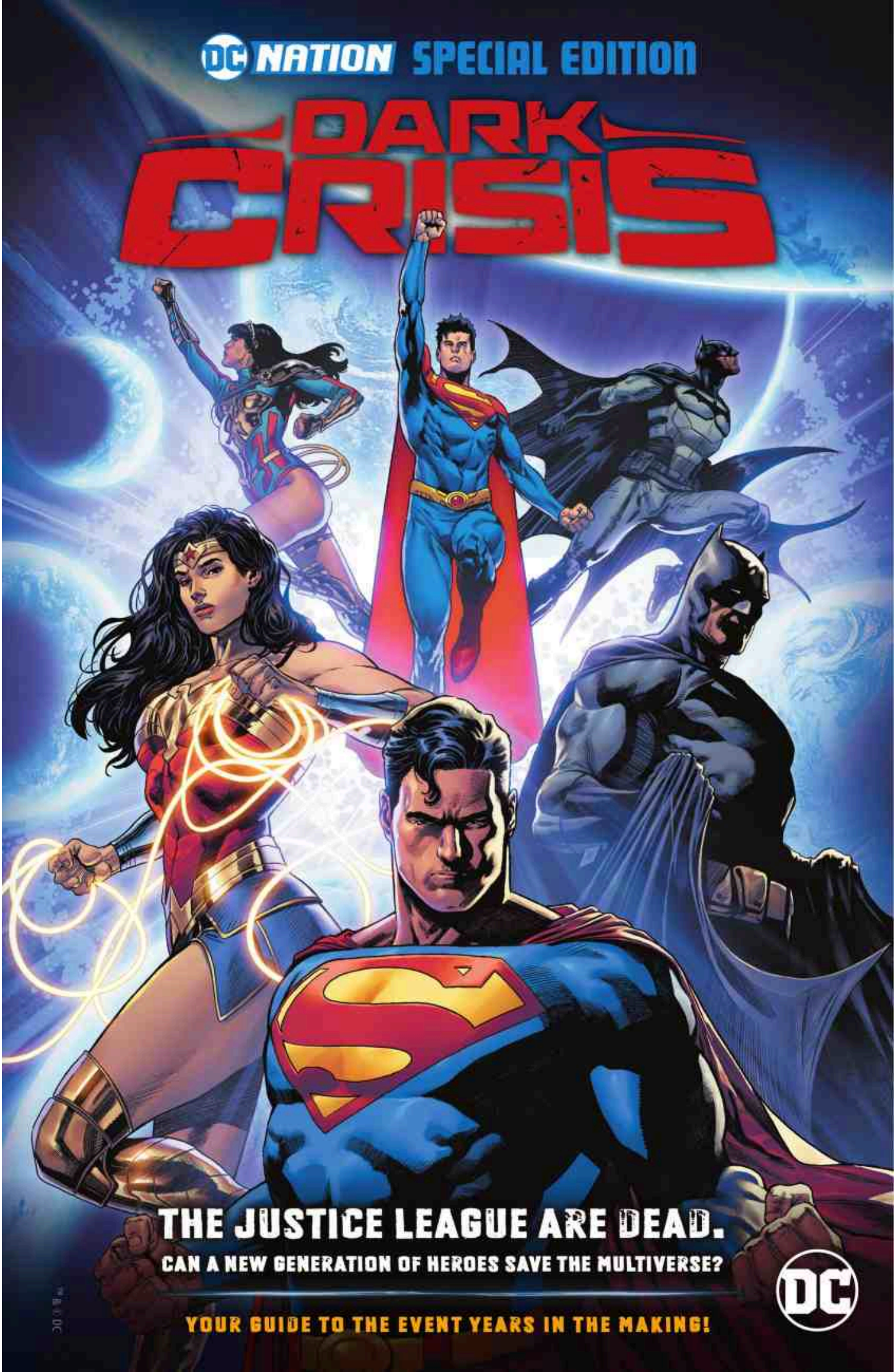
DC NATION SPECIAL EDITION
DARK CRISIS
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE ARE DEAD.
CAN A NEW GENERATION OF HEROES SAVE THE MULTIVERSE?
YOUR GUIDE TO THE EVENT YEARS IN THE MAKING!
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This summer, the DC Universe faces its next *Crisis*—an ancient, destructive force looking to wipe out the Earth—and this time, there's a major complication. The Justice League aren't there to save the day.

As a result of April's *Justice League* #75, a story fatefully titled "Death of the Justice League," the likes of Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman are presumed dead. So when *Dark Crisis*, DC's major new seven-issue event series, begins, it's up to the remaining heroes—including Jon Kent, Nightwing, Harley Quinn, and Wally West—to protect the world from an onslaught of villains and save reality as we know it. No pressure.

"IT'S A STORY ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT WE LOVE IN THE DC UNIVERSE."

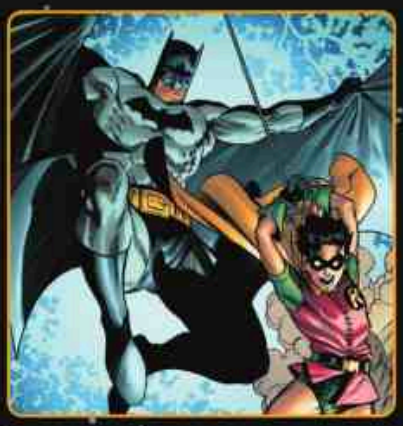
"It's a story about all the things that we love in the DC Universe," *Dark Crisis* writer Joshua Williamson says. "It's about legacy. I really wanted to show a Crisis event from new, different perspectives. We're going to be showcasing all of these new heroes having to deal with a Crisis for the first time."

In the original Crisis—*Crisis on Infinite Earths* by Marv Wolfman and George Pérez—the homeworld of Pariah, along with the infinite Multiverse, was obliterated. Now, Pariah has found a way to bring his homeworld and the entire infinite Multiverse back from the dead—and to do that, Earth-0, the Earth of the mainline DC Universe, must die.

An ancient destructive force called the Great Darkness, first appearing in *Swamp Thing* by Alan Moore and Stan Woch, is the weapon Pariah will wield as he paves a path to rebirth and vengeance. In *Dark Crisis*, by Williamson and artist Daniel Sampere, the heroes left behind must come together to combat this great evil and avenge the lost Justice League, but what happens when not everyone agrees to join the fight?

"All these new heroes have to decide whether or not they're going to be able to step out of the shadows of the previous Justice League and rise up and try to save the Multiverse," Williamson says. "We get to see which heroes are able to live up to that—which ones are able to really step up and try to become these great heroes of the DCU."

With great heroes come great villains, and as seen in *Justice League* #75, true heavy hitters including Darkseid, Doomsday, Eclipso, Neron, and Ares have united to serve as Pariah's Dark Army—all brought to life in stunning visuals by Sampere in *Dark Crisis*.



"The art that he is doing is amazing," Williamson says. "So epic and big, and really showcases some of the best parts of the DCU. It really captures these big moments, these big, emotional, epic scenes."

What started in April's *Justice League* #75 and continued in May's *Dark Crisis* #0 and *Justice League: Road to Dark Crisis* one-shot explodes in June with *Dark Crisis* #1. It's the culmination of several years of stories—including *Dark Nights: Death Metal*, *DC Future State*, and *Infinite Frontier*—that have reclaimed parts of DC's past and introduced bold new characters poised to move the DC Universe forward.

For Williamson, *Dark Crisis* represents what makes DC special.

"I wanted to really show that we can have all of these classic pieces and all of these new pieces," Williamson says. "We can introduce all these new characters and new concepts while also embracing the awesome history of the DCU. I wanted this giant event that allows us to capture that."

Keep reading for the details on where to follow *Dark Crisis* as it erupts beyond the main series and across the Multiverse.

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DARK CRISIS EXPLODES ACROSS THE DC UNIVERSE!

Justice League: Road to Dark Crisis #1 cover by Daniel Sampere

JUSTICE LEAGUE: ROAD TO DARK CRISIS #1

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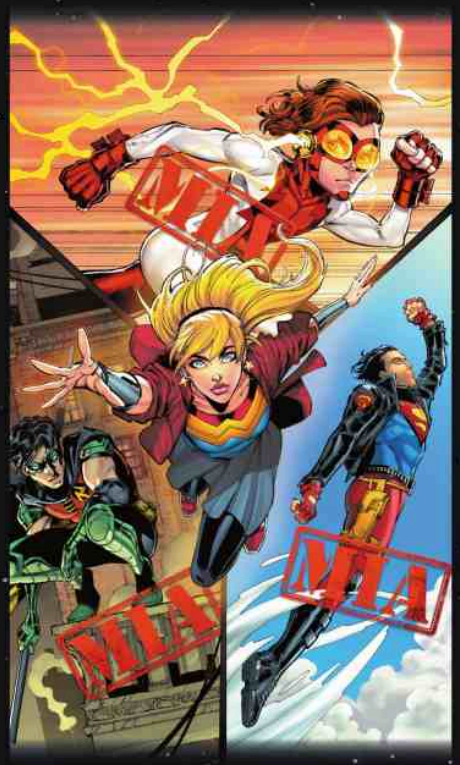
ON SALE NOW!

The Justice League has tragically fallen in battle, and now we see the aftermath. How does the world react to the Justice League being gone? Which heroes rise up...and which villains try to take advantage? And what dark forces are lying in wait to attack? An all-star roster of DC talent showcases a world without a Justice League!



Dark Crisis: Young Justice #1 cover by Max Dunbar

DARK CRISIS: YOUNG JUSTICE #1

WRITTEN BY MEGHAN FITZMARTIN

ART BY LAURA BRAGA

ON SALE IN JUNE!

Tim Drake, Impulse, and Superboy go missing during the Justice League's funeral. The only person concerned enough to find them? Cassie Sandsmark, a.k.a Wonder Girl. But...the three boys of Young Justice aren't on this Earth anymore...they're on the world of their dreams, one they may never want to leave! A six-issue series.

The Flash #783 cover by Brandon Peterson

THE FLASH #783

WRITTEN BY JEREMY ADAMS

ART BY AMANCAY NAHUELPAN

ON SALE IN JUNE!

The search for Barry Allen! With the Justice League gone, Wally gathers the entire Flash Family in a desperate attempt to search the Speed Force and finally locate the missing Barry Allen. But does Barry want to be found? The start of *The Flash*'s three-part *Dark Crisis* tie-in!

Dark Crisis: Worlds Without a Justice League - Superman #1 cover by Chris Burnham

DARK CRISIS: WORLDS WITHOUT A JUSTICE LEAGUE - SUPERMAN #1

WRITTEN BY TOM KING

ART BY CHRIS BURNHAM

ON SALE IN JULY!

When Pariah and his forces of the Great Darkness laid waste to the most powerful superheroes of all time, all hope was lost...with the Man of Steel suffering the same fate as that of his comrades, join us for a look at a world of dreams he would never have thought possible while alive. Where there's life, there's hope, and with that hope comes a deeper unraveling of the tapestry of DCU's biggest event of 2022! Plus an Aquaman story by Brandon Thomas and Fico Ossio!

DARK CRISIS

CHECKLIST

MAY

- ☐ *Justice League: Road to Dark Crisis #1*

JUNE

- ☐ *Dark Crisis #1*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Young Justice #1*
- ☐ *The Flash #783*

JULY

- ☐ *Dark Crisis #2*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Worlds Without a Justice League – Superman #1*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Young Justice #2*
- ☐ *The Flash #784*

AUGUST

- ☐ *Dark Crisis #3*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Worlds Without a Justice League – Green Lantern #1*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Young Justice #3*
- ☐ *The Flash #785*

SEPTEMBER

- ☐ *Dark Crisis #4*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Worlds Without a Justice League – Wonder Woman #1*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Young Justice #4*

OCTOBER

- ☐ *Dark Crisis #5*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Worlds Without a Justice League – Green Arrow #1*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Young Justice #5*

NOVEMBER

- ☐ *Dark Crisis #6*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Worlds Without a Justice League – Batman #1*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: Young Justice #6*

DECEMBER

- ☐ *Dark Crisis #7*
- ☐ *Dark Crisis: War Zone #1*

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

DARK CRISIS #2

The event years in the making is finally here: *Dark Crisis* #1 is out in the world—and as the Justice League are presumed dead, the remaining heroes of the DC Universe are overwhelmed by an onslaught of villains.

Since you're already hungry for more, here's a peek at July's *Dark Crisis* #2 by writer Joshua Williamson and artist Daniel Sampere—and specifically a brutal fight scene placing Nightwing and *Superman: Son of Kal-El* star Jon Kent against the decidedly devastating tag team of Cyborg Superman and a mysteriously powered-up Deathstroke.

We've braved the Multiverse for intel from Williamson on what to expect from the action-packed issue: "We have this really, really cool fight scene between Nightwing and Jon Kent against Deathstroke and Cyborg Superman. There's a moment where Nightwing realizes he can beat Deathstroke in a hand-to-hand fight—but that's not what this is. What Deathstroke is operating on at this point is so much bigger than that."

DON'T MISS

DARK CRISIS #2,

ON SALE IN JULY!

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